

**MINUTES**  
**CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2016**  
**ROOM B, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, CLAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**Members Present:** Everett Nelson, Wayne Lepper, Russ McDougall, Chuck Hendrickson, Russ Colson, Jim Haney, Joe Pederson, Roger Richman

**Members Absent:** DiAnn Streifel, Grant Weyland

**Others Present:** Kirk Rosenberger, Tim Magnusson, Brian Berg, Larry Henry, Shannon Thompson, Julie Kennedy, Stephanie Reynolds, Steve Moore, Dave Olek, Brett Rice, Dave Overbo, Todd Bratlien

**On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Jim Haney, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the meeting agenda.**

**On motion by Everett Nelson, seconded by Russ McDougall, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes from June 23, 2016.**

Commissioner Kevin Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and initiated introductions.

**Tipping Fees-Kirk Rosenberger**

Kirk Rosenberger reported on the recent and upcoming expenditures at the landfill. The bulldozer and front-end loader were replaced for \$200,000. A new cell opening will cost \$500,000, and the BOMAG compactor needs to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$600,000. The tipping fees in Clay County have not been raised in ten years, and with the recent expenditures and projects coming up soon, Rosenberger suggested raising the tipping fee from \$42/ton to \$45/ton beginning in 2017. Rosenberger compared Clay County's fee to local counties in the area; Pope-Douglas \$76/ton, Ottertail \$82/ton, Becker \$75/ton, Polk and Norman Counties \$65/ton.

Commissioner Campbell said the County is looking at establishing a long-term Capital Improvement Fund that would be looked at like a business, independent of the County's other General Fund. The revenue needs to match with the operations and capital improvements. The money would be designated by anticipating the future needs over the next ten years by taking what an item cost today and incorporating inflationary dollars. The money goes in for a seven-year replacement schedule, and after each year the original price tag, plus three percent goes into the account to cover the needs of the landfill.

**On motion by Joe Pederson, seconded by Jim Haney, and unanimously carried, the Committee recommended that the County Board consider increasing tipping fees from \$42/ton to \$45/ton.**

Campbell updated the members on last month's recommendation to move forward with the methane project at the landfill that needed to be reviewed by the County Board. Campbell said the cost estimates given were not accurate and the Board decided against the project.

#### **Landfill Activities-Larry Henry**

Larry Henry reported the new building is up. Other than being muddy, the landfill project has gone well.

#### **Household Hazardous Waste Update-Julie Kennedy**

Julie Kennedy announced a pesticide collection in Barnesville on August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Rothsay Farmers Elevator in Barnesville, and an empty pesticide collection at the Clay County Landfill August 22-26.

#### **Social Media-Brett Rice**

Brett Rice reported to the SWAC members that a Facebook page has been started so that Solid Waste can promote recycling and have more collaboration with the community, also to create better relationships, not just in our community but throughout the state by sharing information between each other. The site posts hours of operations, programs, special recycling dates, what is accepted at the landfill, HHW, electronic garage, and transfer station.

**On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Chuck Hendrickson, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved to adjourn.**